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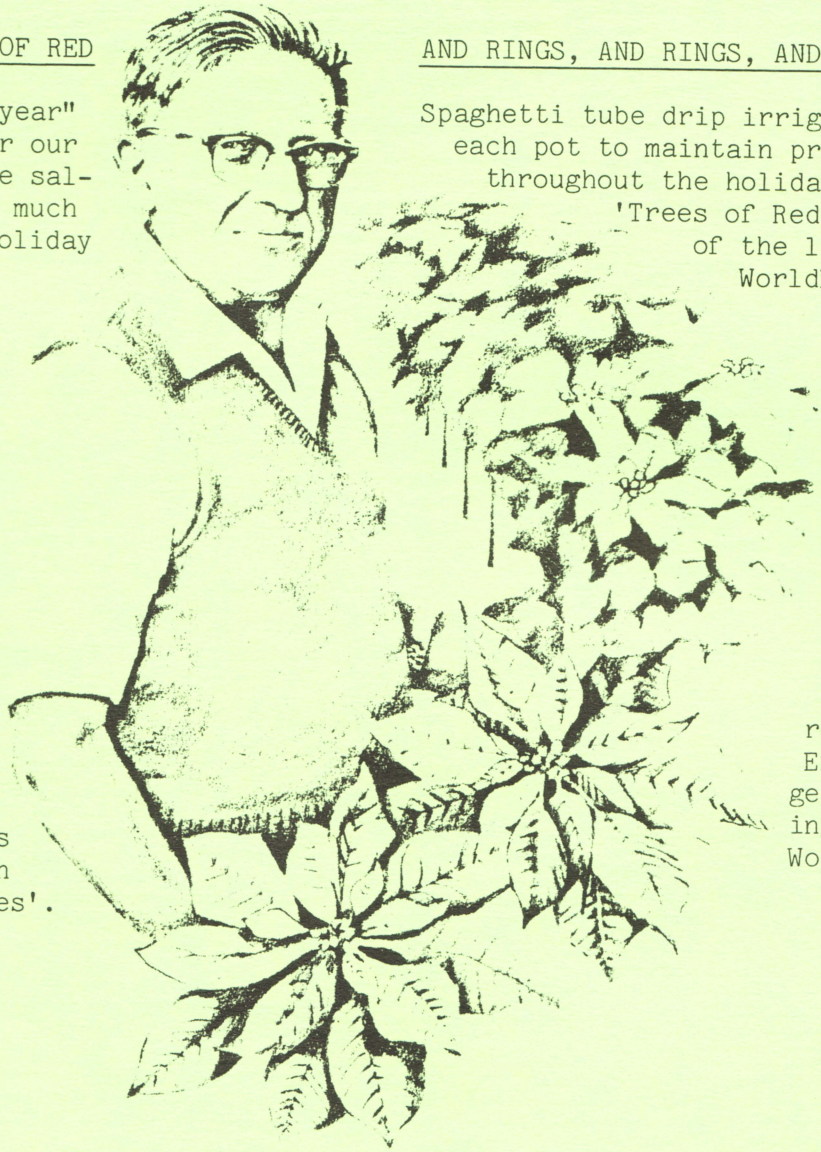
BELLS OF GREEN, TREES OF RED

"It's that time of year" and as we get ready for our 1984 Christmas show, we salute a man who has done much to add color to this holiday season--Paul Ecke, Sr.

Our landscapes at WALT DISNEY WORLD reflect the results of his efforts by using approximately 25,000 poinsettias in various forms and displays.

A new addition to our landscape show this year includes evergreen shaped 'Poinsettia Trees'.

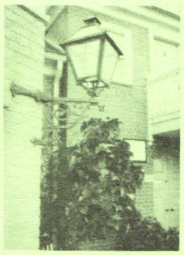
Nearly 75 rings attach to metal bands of varying circumference and are filled with one six inch potted poinsettia--Euphorbia pulcherrima 'Dark Red Hegg'



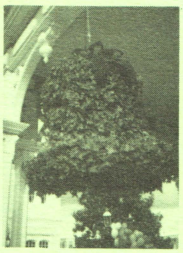
PAUL ECKE, SR.,
the man who devoted his life
to improving, promoting and distributing the poinsettia
throughout the world.
1895 -

AND RINGS, AND RINGS, AND RINGS

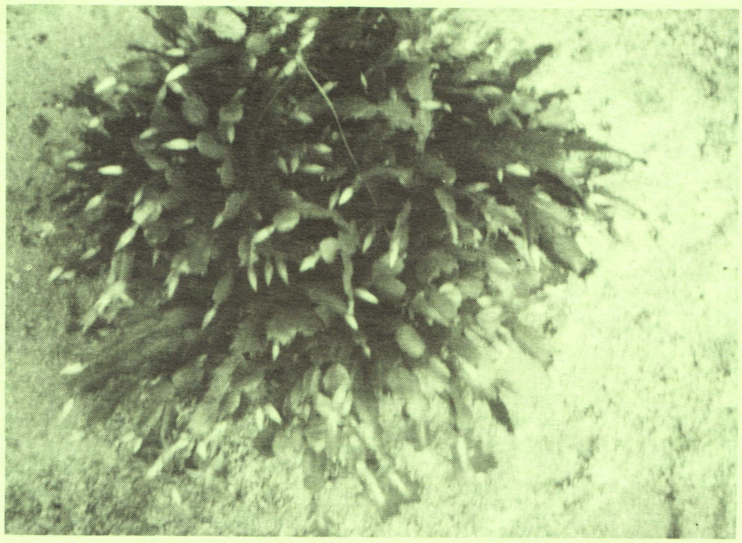
Spaghetti tube drip irrigation attaches to each pot to maintain proper moisture throughout the holiday season. These 'Trees of Red' are the highlight of the landscape show for WorldFest at United Kingdom.



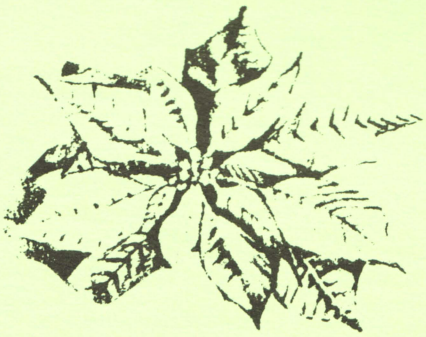
Other new additions include Christmas tree shaped hanging baskets of red 'Pixie' poinsettias, English ivy, and sprengerii fern as seen hanging outside the Olde World Antique Shop.

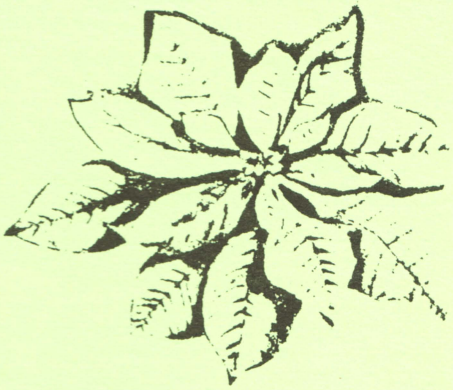


And 'Bells of Green' English ivy adorned with big red bows will help ring in the new year at Town Square Cafe. Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



CHRISTMAS CACTUS,
HANGING BASKETS,
TREES WITH BOWS
OF RED.....





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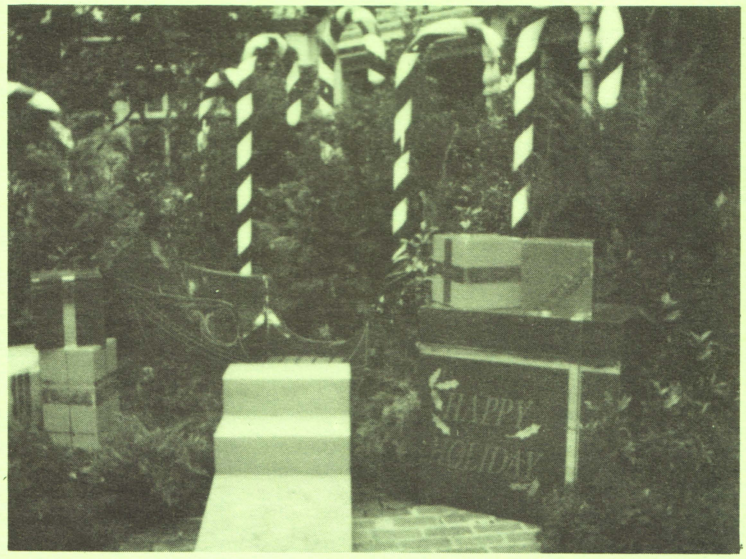
DRESS OUR LANDSCAPE
SHOW, ALONG WITH
SANTA'S SLED!!!!!!!



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November was a good month for us. The landscape has been enjoying our mild weather. We had just enough cold weather in October to make some of our deciduous trees show their fall color. Liquidambars, camphors and maples have shown some brilliant shades of reds and yellows.

Our Theme Park's Christmas decorations look great and the poinsettias are perfect. Going in with Christmas theming around Thanksgiving may seem inappropriate, but it sure makes the Park shine.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year from the Landscaping Staff at DISNEYLAND.

Ken Inouye, Superintendent
DISNEYLAND

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PLANTS ON DISPLAY

"What kind of flower is that?" is a question frequently heard by gardeners at WALT DISNEY WORLD. To increase all cast members knowledge of which annuals are being used at EPCOT Center, in order to more accurately answer these guest questions, the EPCOT Center gardeners have created a labeled display bed.

The display bed is a large raised rectangular planter, located at the entrance of the World Premiere Cafe, an employee cafeteria, at EPCOT Center.

Each annual variety has a label giving the botanical name, common name, varietal name, where the plant is located, and in the case of kalanchoe, even the pronounciation. To date, we've had as many as 52 different varieties of plants displayed at one time.

Recently we've added a few flowering shrubs that are commonly asked about such as allamanda and ixora.

So far, comments on the display bed have been favorable, with many cast members "window shopping" for plants for home use. One gardening minded cast member was even spotted taking notes.

Sandy Christopher
EPCOT Center Landscape

GM REQUESTS LIGHTING CHANGE

November was a very busy month for the crews in East CommuniCore and our arborists at EPCOT Center. General Motors Corporation requested backlighting of the trees at The World of Motion to better light the building. This change involved the removal of all 18 Liquidambar styraciflua skirting the building. They were dug out and planted at various bus stops around the back of The World Showcase.

Replacing the sweetgums are 18 large Magnolia grandiflora 'Shady Grove #4' from South Carolina. The removal and installation involved shuffling several hundred shrubs also.

Good planning was the key to the smooth operation of the project, thanks to the gardeners at The World of Motion and Horizons as well as Floyd Martinez and his arborists. Thanks again for a job well done.

Janet Gregorius, Supervisor
EPCOT Center Landscape

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SYSTEMIC ROSE AND FLOWER CARE

Ortho Systemic Rose and Flower Care (8-12-4) is becoming a widely used and accepted fertilizer for our roses, as well as a few other crops. It gives us a real boost in quality foliage and blooms.

But a word of caution is advised on two counts. First, as the label suggests, this product includes a systemic insecticide. We should all know and remember that it is against federal regulations to use this product in any manner that is inconsistant with it's label. This makes it virtually impossible to use the product properly and effectively unless we read and understand the label. We believe that we have seen phytotoxicity due to over application of this product. The Pest Control department is currently trying to duplicate the phytotoxicity responses seen in the field in potted roses at the nursery and will be sharing those results with landscape supervision in the near future. But in the meantime, make sure you read the entire label, apply only the recommended amounts, and use the small plastic measuring cup that is provided with each container.

Secondly, although this product has only one percent pesticide (Di-Syston) and is labeled for use by home owners, it is wise to remember that it is a pesticide and should be used with caution. My suggestion is that it always be used with gloves and that you ask your supervisor to supply you with a pesticide respirator when making an application.

Jerry Hagedorn, Superintendent
Horticultural Pest Control

STAFF REDUCTION AT THE NURSERY

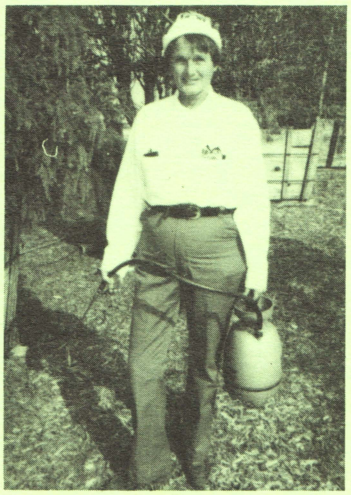
In an effort to keep you informed of staffing changes in our horticulture operations, several transitions and new reporting responsibilities are included in this issue. More changes are anticipated and will be included in future issues.

Several adjustments have recently occurred in the staff at the Nursery. Tom Underwood has left to pursue his interests in the garden center and nursery business associated with the Poole and Fuller operation in Winter Park. Tom was instrumental in the development of our College of Horticulture program, the development of the Nursery operation, and was editor of this newsletter for several years. Best wishes go to Tom for his continued success.

Replacing Tom at the Nursery is Dennis Higbie, Landscape Supervisor from EPCOT Center World Showcase. Dennis has a B.S. in Horticulture from Cook College of Rutgers University and a practical background in various aspects of the Horticulture industry, especially nursery operations.

In addition, Chip Drew, former Tree Farm Supervisor has left to become Landscape Coordinator at the new Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Hotel. And Mark Downing, formerly Supervisor of the greenhouses, has left to complete his Masters in Business Administration at the University of Tennessee.

The responsibilities for operation of the Nursery, as well as Horticulture training, will now be handled by Dennis, Pamela Boswell, and Mark Krause. Your continued support of these operations during this transition is greatly appreciated.



Betty Estes, Pest Control Operator, has been at the Nursery since June. As a product of our trainee program, Betty has used her knowledge wisely, keeping our nursery pest free. Thank you for your patience and concern.

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